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indefinite in its language as to be anything but convincing. In general we must say that the author has not proved to our satisfaction that this cycle of distichs was known in the fourth century, their very nature pointing rather to the sixth. The author deserves our thanks for bringing this question up again for discussion; he himself cannot and will not claim to have uttered the last deciding word in this matter.

—W. MUSS-ARNOLT.

The Boniface. By the Rev. J. Gregory Smith, M.A., Hon. LL.D., Edinburgh. (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; New York: E. & J. B. Young & Co., 1896, 106 pp., 1s. 6d.) This little book is one of *The Fathers for English Readers*. It is made up chiefly from the correspondence of Boniface and from the *Vita Bonifacii* by Willibald, a companion of Boniface. The work is well done. Many interesting and central facts about the great missionary are brought out. An introduction gives some of the leading features of the state of Europe at this time. Then follow accounts of his early life, his "missionary skirmishes," his more serious and permanent work in Thuringia and Franconia. Boniface worked largely under the direction of Rome. While he was a man of independence, convictions, and persistency, he always sought advice in cases of peculiar difficulty. It is interesting to see that the church even at the opening of the eighth century is far advanced in corruption, and that this sincere man of action kindly but firmly rebukes these departures from faith and righteousness. The selections from his letters at the close of the volume throw light on the character of the man, and the reader will wish there had been many more of them. A good map is a great desideratum.—J. W. MONCRIEF.

An Introduction to Theology: Its Principles, its Branches, its Results, and its Literature. By Alfred Cave, A.B., D.D., Principal and Professor of Theology of Hackney College, London. Second edition, largely rewritten. (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark; New York: imported by Chas. Scribner's Sons, pp. xiii + 610, \$4.50.) This revised edition of Dr. Cave's most useful work, though, as the author says, largely rewritten, differs rather in detail than in essential characteristics from the former edition. Aside from the revision of the lists of books, the most notable changes are as follows: The section "What is Religion?" has been rewritten, the matter on pp. 47-57 being largely new. Pp. 77-9 and 87-9 show revision and enlargement. Pp. 123-